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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI

FROM : Deputy Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : NODIS Cables

1. Recently several office directors and division chiefs within the DI have complained about the lack of NODIS cable traffic from State. A check of the NODIS log since 1 October shows that the Agency received 96 cables; 32 in October, 27 in November, 31 in December, and 6 so far in January. However, most of the cables dealt with the Middle East with a couple focusing on Latin America, South Korea, and Europe, and, as you can see from the attached NODIS log sheets, there were no NODIS cables pertaining to the US/PRC/Taiwan arms debate and there were only one or two cables dealing with the Polish situation. (C)

2. I have been told by Latin American and East Asian analysts that they know from their own sources that the State Department has received many NODIS cables which they have not forwarded to the Agency. In cases where analysts within the DDI can provide cable numbers, the Executive Secretariat will order the cables from State, which usually will send them. The Executive Secretariat is reluctant to request NODIS by subject only because it appears we are on a fishing expedition and allows State to deny the existence of the cable. (C)

3. You may want to ask the DCI to raise the NODIS problem with the Secretary of State at one of their breakfasts. (C)

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